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Breaking the silence

WISEFEST spotlights
women's issues, inequality and
empowerment

By MJ Ortiz
News Editor

Emily Dickinson once said that hope is a thing with feathers that perches in the soul; and sings the tune without words and never stops at all.

Hope was the tune heard by many Jacksonville State University women that congregated on last Friday at Leone Cole Auditorium to celebrate WISEFEST.

Hope for the breaking of silence, hope for the breaking of old plates, hope for hope.

"I came and I am involved because I believe in ending domestic violence and rape against women and because I believe in equal rights

for everyone," said Natalie Dempster, the student leader for Women's Support Issues and Empowerment (WISE).

According to WISE, they believe that "women, as the dominant nurturers of [the] world, while amazingly resilient, need restoration and regeneration to sustain the web of life for future generations." Therefore, the organization strives to address the problems that women face in society such as eating disorders, violence, harassment and inequality.

WISEFEST was designed by the group "for women and those who love them." The festival highlighted women's accomplishments with art,

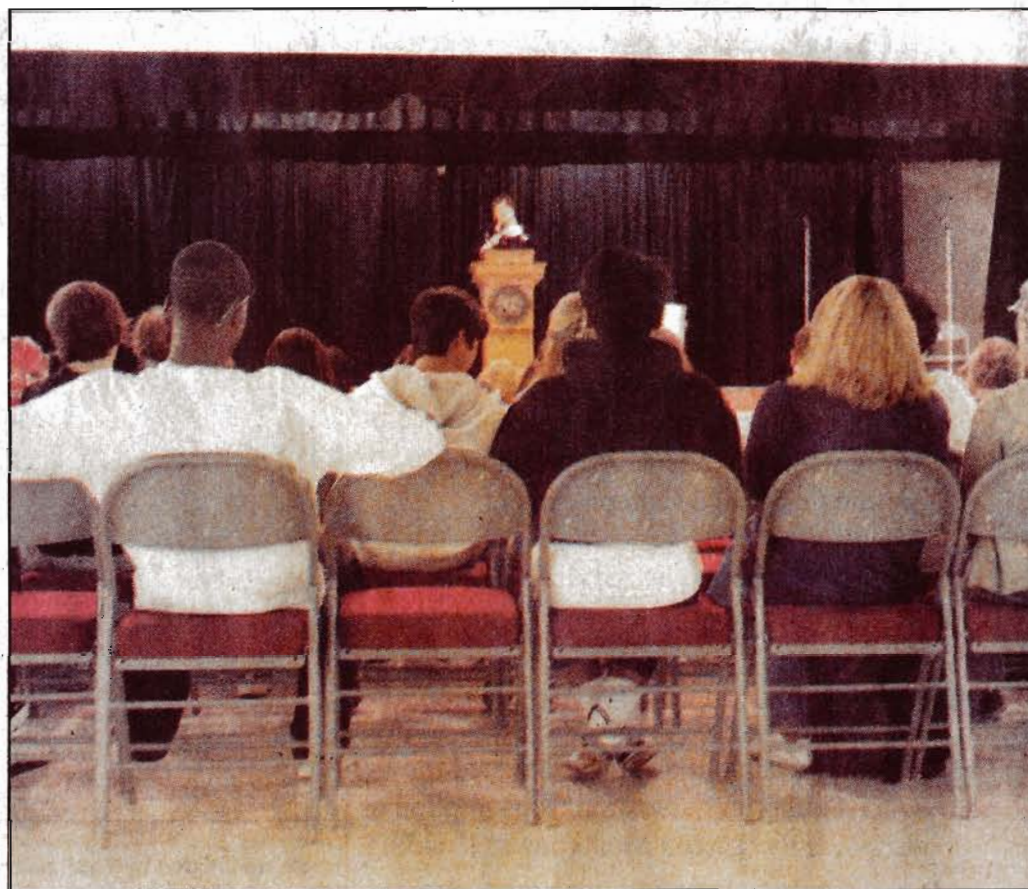
music, poetry, speakers and workshops all featured by women.

Yet, the main course of the day was the speech given by Mrs. Lilly Ledbetter, a 70 year old Jacksonville resident that recently helped promote the signing of the Fair Pay Act that carries her name.

The bill amended the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and was the first piece of legislature signed by President Obama.

Ledbetter, who comes from an apolitical background, became an influential activist soon after her lawsuit against Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

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Trace Fleming-Smith addresses the students gathered at WISEfest on Thursday at Leon Cole Auditorium. Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

Activities fee question on homecoming ballot

By MJ Ortiz
News Editor

Students are to vote today (Oct. 22) and determine the fate of the student activity fee proposed by the Student Government Association.

An informational meeting about the fee was held at 7 p.m. at the TMB Auditorium last Wednesday in which SGA President Bryant Whaley said the fee is to sponsor a facility that would accommodate both "recreational and student oriented activities" and that it is not to benefit JSU athletics or the new stadium expansion.

The fee would be implemented, if passed,

fall 2010.

Based on current attendance, full as well as part time students would be required to pay \$100 per semester.

Students who are enrolled entirely online would be exempted from the fee.

For some on financial aid, the fee would be covered because it would be added to tuition, said the SGA; 50 percent of the money collected will go to the student commons facility and the remaining 50 percent will go to the SGA.

Some students are concerned that the money allocated to the SGA will serve as a raise for SGA officers. Yet, Chief Justice Anthony Hall said SGA officers will not get pay raises. "I do not benefit from this" Hall said.

Timothy Long, Vice President of

Organizational Affairs said that the percentage that goes to the SGA will be used to support JSU student organizations.

"All other schools have fees to attract students; we are just trying to keep up to bring more students to JSU and to make this school more fun for everyone" said Hall during the meeting.

Whaley stated that the fee is very low compared to other schools, such as the University of Tennessee which imposes students over \$500 for their student activity fee.

A fee that "those students did not have to chance to approve or dismiss with a vote," he said. The type of facility will depend on how much money is collected.

The SGA says the building's location could be either added to Kennamer Hall or built across from Highway 204 beside the Grove apartments.

Organization meeting rooms, a Ball room, a basketball court with no carpet, a rock wall, a bowling alley, an arcade, and amphitheater among other things could probably be a part of the facility.

Students around campus share mixed feelings about the proposed students' activities fee. Groups have been created in different social networks such as Facebook to express their thoughts on the matter.

Students will be able to vote on the matter today (Oct. 22) until 5 p.m. on myjsu.com/election

Homecoming royalty candidates



Rafael Ferrell



Zach Patterson



Andy Parris



Chris Stokes



J.J. Jones



Carrie Hicks



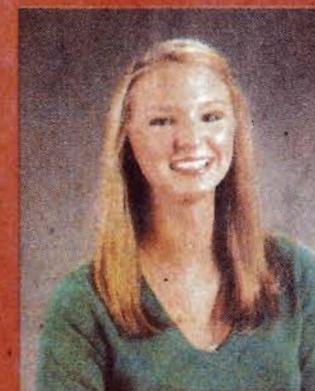
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QUESTION of the WEEK

Do you support a city-wide ban on texting while driving?

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.

Student Activities Fee Ballot Question

Would you support a student activities fee of \$100 per semester (fall and spring) dedicated to a recreation facility and increased activities on campus?

Vote at
<http://www.jsu.edu/election>

ON Campus

Campus Crime

Wednesday October 14

- Harassment was reported at Sparkman Hall.

Thursday October 15

- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported at the Houston Cole parking lot. Stolen was a driver side rear window, a Garmin GPS and a Cannon camera.
- Arson was reported by JSU at 205, 207 and 233 Crow hall.

Friday October 16

- James Emmanuel Powel was arrested for being a minor in possession/ consumption of alcohol at the Theron Montgomery Building.
- David Alvin Maness was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor.
- Hunter Jackson Rivers was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor.
- Harassment was reported in Self Hall

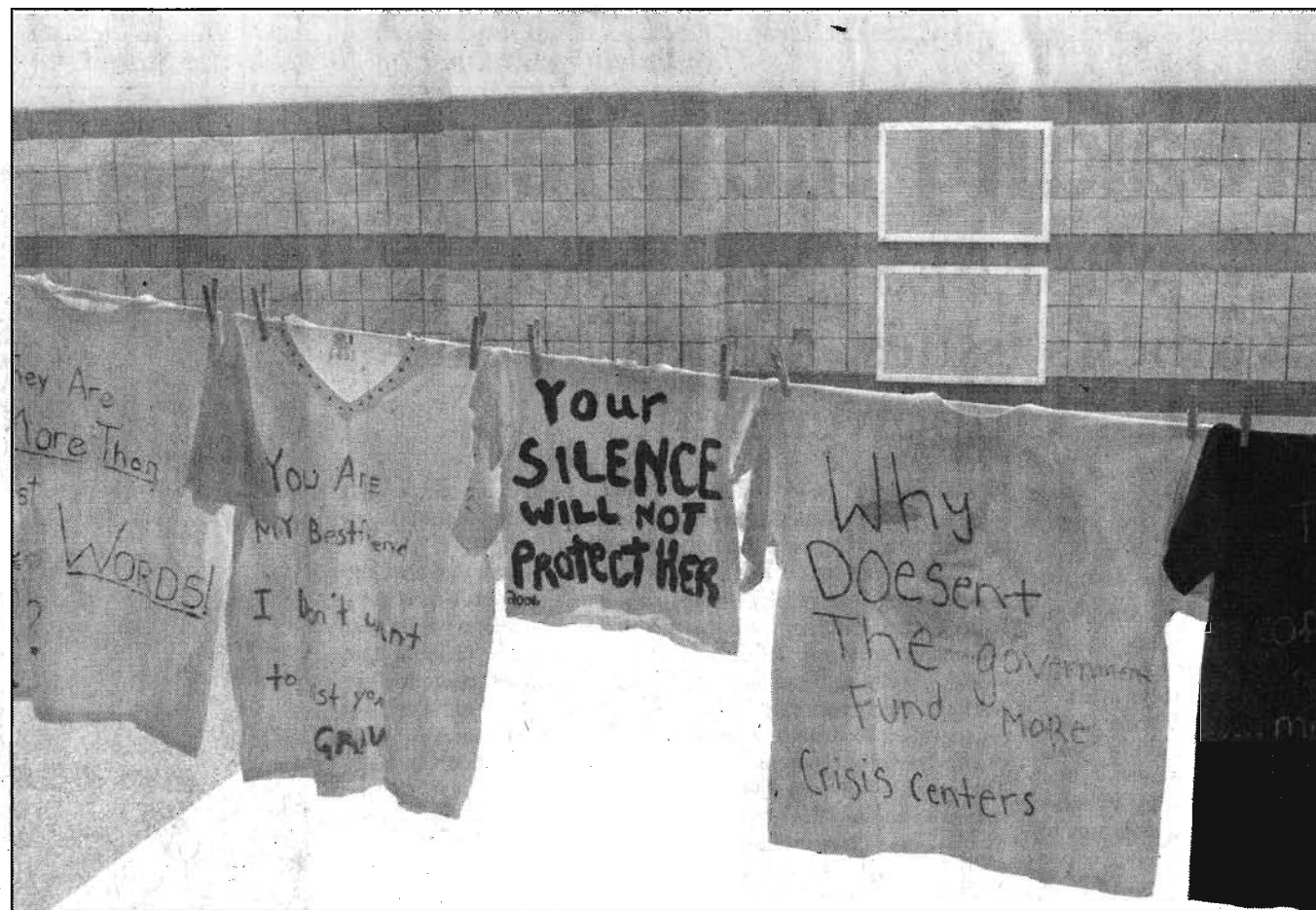
What's Happening

Thursday October 22

- Homecoming Skate Night w/ the RHO's, Skating Rink, 7:00 pm - 1 am, Admission: \$5
- J Day, TMB Front Lawn, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Meet "n" Greet, Leone Cole Auditorium, 4p.m.
- Pep Rally, King & Queen Announcement, Pete Mathews Coliseum, 8:00 pm

Friday October 23

Picture of the week



Shirts created by WISE members hang in Leone Cole auditorium during WISEfest on Thursday. If you would like to submit your photo for "Photo of the week", email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com Photo by Zach Childree/ The Chanticleer

WISE: Ledbetter addresses students of JSU

She worked in the company as a manager when she learned that her salary was substantially less than those of her male counterparts.

"It is not right, you see," said Ledbetter, "this is not a democrat or republican problem; this is a civil rights problem. It is a matter of human dignity. I believe—and so does the President of the United

States—that equal pay is an American right."

WISE is an organization at JSU and includes members who are students, faculty, staff and community leaders.

According to Trace Fleming-Smith, alumni leader of WISE, JSU's Social Work Department and the Social Work Club's efforts made the day a success.

Apart from WISEfest, the organization also sponsors other projects such as WISE Restoration and Regeneration, the Vagina Monologues, the WISE scholarship, and the clothesline project.

For more information about WISE and its programs, contact Tina Deshotels at tdeshotels@jsu.edu

International House to host U.N. Day tea

from staff reports

Jacksonville State University's International House will hold its annual United Nations Day Tea on Sunday, October 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the

of native dance and song followed by refreshments and a social gathering to the tea.

This year's U.N. Day Tea will cap off the Homecoming Activities of what is traditionally

the International House at JSU provides a model of harmonious cooperation and leadership.

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- Pep Rally, King & Queen Announcement, Pete Mathews Coliseum, 8:00 pm

Friday October 23

- Door and Window Judging, JSU Campus, 2:00 pm

Saturday October 24

- JSU Football (Homecoming) v. Eastern Illinois University, 1:00 pm, JSU
- Gamecock Gallop 5K & Youth Run, Pete Mathews Coliseum, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Homecoming Parade, Hwy 21, 10:00 am
- Cocky Homecoming Step Show, Pete Mathews Coliseum, 7:30-10:30 pm, Admission: \$15 - at the door

Sunday October 25

- U.N. Day Tea, International House, 2:00 pm

Monday October 26

- Frank Turner Hollon at HCL, 11th floor Houston Cole Library, 7:00-8:00 pm
- Haunted House, Black Box Stone Center, 7:00-11:00 pm

Tuesday October 27

- Carnation King Pageant, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00 pm

Wednesday October 28

- JSU Students for Equality meeting 6 p.m. Room 331 in Brewer Hall.

JACKSONVILLE State University's International House will hold its annual United Nations Day Tea on Sunday, October 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the Colonel C.W. Dautette Jr. International House. The program consists of a formal presentation of this year's residents of the International House dressed in native costumes and a 50-minute program

refreshments and a social gathering to the tea.

This year's U.N. Day Tea will cap off the Homecoming Activities of what is traditionally a very busy weekend at JSU. The JSU community including faculty, staff and the public are invited to the tea.

According to Dr. Ketterer, director of the International House,

model of harmonious cooperation and leadership.

"In our own way, we share this goal with the UN and attempt to provide an example of diversity and tolerance that is very much needed in today's world. Therefore our UN Day Tea has always coincided closely with the internationally recognized celebration of United Nations

United Nations website, the United Nations came into existence on October 24, 1945, when the charter was ratified by China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and by a majority of other signatories. United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 each year.

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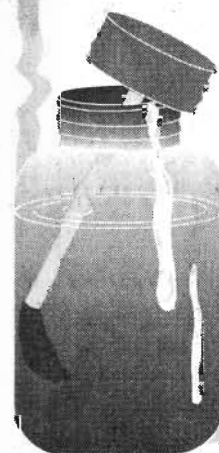
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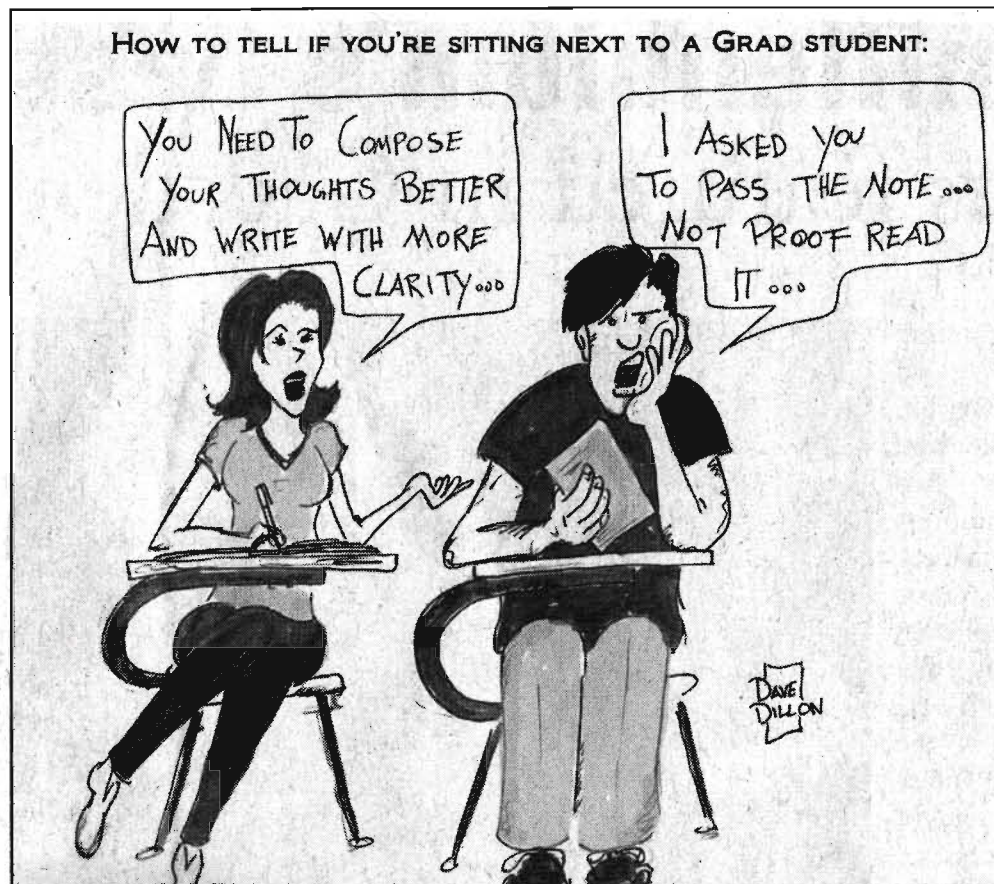
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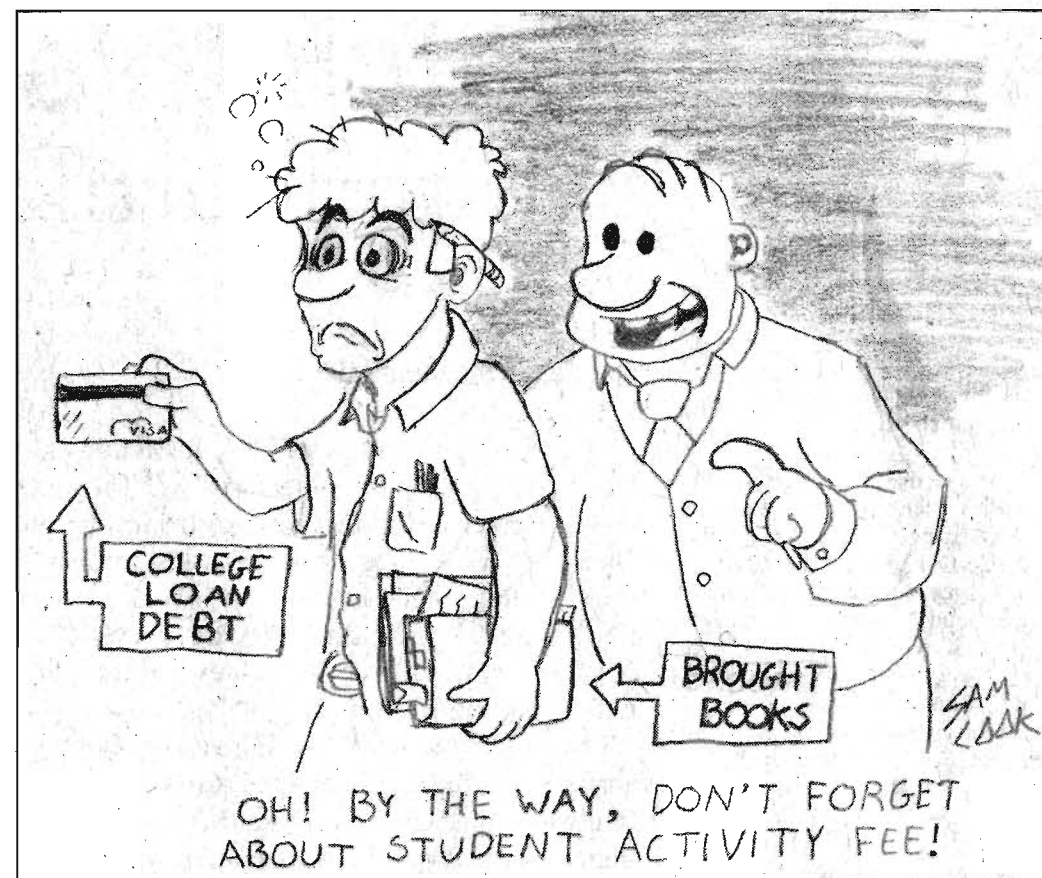
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Dave Dillon



Sam Cook, Editorial Cartoonist



Letters to the Editor

I am very disheartened to learn that JSU has cut the budget another 11% which makes it very difficult to get the classes I need at the times I need. At least half the classes in the catalog are not even being offered this Spring. College is for learning and JSU seems to have their priorities very mixed

up spending so much money on the football program. I hate to say this, but my two year college was more organized. Everyone has heard the commercials on television advertising going to school in your pajamas. We all know that online classes are a very popular trend. What we can't understand is why JSU has

not jumped on the bandwagon! Honestly I can't understand the budget cuts when the number of students enrolled in JSU has actually increased. Where have our bonus bucks gone? Can someone say football? Please let us learn. We want to be known for our academic standards not our athletics!! How much of

my tuition goes to programs the majority of students don't use? We want more lecture and online classes! We want more times when they are available! We want more Summer classes, and we want a Philosophy Professor!

-Brittney Ellison

If you don't vote

Don't complain!

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Vote for your picks for homecoming royalty
and
Vote on the Student Activities Fee

<http://www.jsu.edu/election>

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Arts & Entertainment

Dear Julie

By Jullie Skinner
Columnist

As I sat outside of a coffee shop with a friend over the weekend, our talk seemed to turn to our first loves. Our teeth chattered as the cold breeze jolted our bones and we found it hard to describe how our first loves made us feel.

Often, a first love is the person we measure all others against. Other times, it's a high school sweetheart who forever in our mind captures the essence and innocence of being 17. Sometimes, it's the person sitting beside us still today. And, sometimes, it's the person responsible for painful memories and the aching of our hearts.

No matter how many others we've loved after, the strongest sensation overtakes us when we let ourselves drift back to the time when we first felt like we were truly in love with someone. A song comes on the radio. A scent rushes through the air. A dream awakens our routine sleep and times stands still. We drift back to that time in our life. We remember the old times vividly and the person who first made us feel awake.

First loves are like wild fires. The heat is so intense and consuming that we have no choice but to surrender to it. It's sensational. Often, it consumes us, burns us...and scars us. Too often, those fires burn out unexpectedly. For the rest of our lives, we'll be reminded of that warmth in unexpected ways, and sometimes we may even wish to go back.

But we can't. Even if we did, it wouldn't be the same.

I have too many friends who are haunted by their first loves.

Catch this millennium's best Historic artifacts featured in Gadsden

By Rick Gwin
Special to the Chanticleer

Time is running out to see "Ink & Blood: Dead Sea Scrolls to Gutenberg" at The Hardin Center for Cultural Arts in downtown Gadsden. The exhibit, which has been on show at the center since May 1, will close on Oct. 31. This exhibit is the largest ever of Biblical objects from the Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and English Bibles.

The collection, which contains over 100 artifacts, includes illuminated texts, rare English-printed Bibles, Dead Sea Scroll fragments, 5000 year-old ancient Sumerian clay tablets and many other rare objects.

One of the most recognizable displays present is a working replica of the Gutenberg printing press, invented by Johannes Gutenberg around 1439, with moveable type. The exhibit also includes such items as graduals, which were liturgical books containing music and chants sang by the choir in response to the celebrant, a beautifully illuminated breviary. It also includes Borso d'Este, which was also a liturgical book containing readings, hymns, psalms and other prayers for the daily office required by all priests, monks and nuns.

"People are mostly stunned by the fact that it took an average of two years for the Bible to be copied by hand before Gutenberg invented

the printing press," said Mike Barrett, an educator who performs live demonstrations of the Gutenberg printing press. "It is believed by many that Gutenberg based the printing press on the designs of wine presses," Barrett said.

In 1997, Time magazine chose the Gutenberg printing press as the most important invention of the second millennium. Before Gutenberg invented the printing press, books were very rare and could only be afforded by the wealthy and educated. By the 15 century, however, Latin had begun dying out among the lower classes. The literacy rate increased rapidly and within 50 years after the printing press was invented, 15-20 million books were printed.

Ten year-old Kaylea Santana of Attalla said "I thought it was amazing and I was blown away by all the ancient artifacts. I would definitely recommend that my friends see it."



Kaylea Santana gets a close up look at moveable type Photo by Rick Gwin

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The exhibition also includes two first edition King James Bibles, a Coverdale Bible, a Bay Psalm Book printed in 1648 and a rare Wycliffite New Testament manuscript circa 1400-1425.

"It was great and wonderful," said Louise Cherry, 83, of Gadsden. "I was intrigued and glad to have the opportunity to see the exhibit. The Gutenberg press is one of the greatest inventions of all time. People of all ages would enjoy this exhibit," she said.

The Hardin Center for Cultural Arts is located in historic downtown Gadsden on the corner of Fifth Street and Broad Street. The Center is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am through 8 pm and on Sunday from 1 through 5 pm. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children and students and free for members. For more information, visit the Hardin Center's website www.inkandblood.com or www.culturalarts.org.

lives, we'll be reminded of that warmth in unexpected ways, and sometimes we may even wish to go back.

But we can't. Even if we did, it wouldn't be the same.

I have too many friends who are haunted by their first loves. We all have them. Sometimes, if we're not careful, they can get in the way of our future and even our present. What is it that makes us all feel so strongly about the first serious relationship we ever had? Perhaps it's the fact that before them, we had never felt those feelings before.

It's kind of like if you ate your first hamburger at a place. You fell in love right then and there with hamburgers and forever wanted to eat only those specific ones. But you find, after time, that the hamburger doesn't taste as good. There are so many hamburgers out there, it would almost be crazy to just dedicate your entire hamburger-eating existence to one restaurant that's grown to be mediocre. Unless, of course, that restaurant turned out to be your soul mate...

Anyway. That's rare.

Those feelings we have for our first love will always be there. Plain and simple. We could go 50 years without seeing them, and then run into them at Wal-Mart and still feel a little flutter of butterflies in our stomachs. It's not wrong. It's not living in the past. It's reflex. It's as natural as the tide that split us and our first love apart in the first place. It's something to understand and accept instead of deny.

With that being said, a wild fire is powerful and bright, but only for a while. What we all want to find, is that perfect kind of love. The kind of love that warms an entire soul and plants a smile on the dreariest of days.

The kind of love that will pick us up off of the ground when we feel like our entire world has fallen around us. The kind of love that can withstand time, loss, gain and growth. The kind of love that never, ever burns out.

First loves are often the stepping-stone that leads to that perfect blaze we find in our one and only. I'm lucky to have found that in my fiancé, Sam.

The past is best left in the past, but we should never have to feel ashamed of it. The rise and fall of relationships is natural and if we're lucky, we were able to learn something from our past relationships to carry on to our future ones.

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Ask Aunt Edna: sizing up problems

By Patrick Clines
Columnist

Dear Aunt Edna,

My boyfriend's penis is too big. It still feels good, but only after the first few minutes of intercourse. I get very anxious, and not in a good way, before we have sex because I know it's going to hurt at first. He also takes it way too fast. What can I do to make it less uncomfortable?

-Too Big

Well, TB, aren't you in a pickle. In a land full of Mazda Miatas, you have a Lincoln; aren't you unfortunate.

I think you're first problem is that you refer to this as your problem. This isn't your problem, it's a problem for you and your partner to tackle together. Just like picking out the movie on Saturday night, this is a common part of being sexually active. Sometimes things just don't fit right, either his penis is too big or too small, her breasts are either too big or too small, or the sink in the airplane bathroom has gum on it. Tackle it together, build up a little understanding with your partner that what he is doing with is actually not very pleasurable to you. This would be a good time to say that while you enjoy him pleasuring you, your vagina is not meant for drag racing.

You need time for your body to warm up for sex. This can be lots of touching and kissing, possibly utilizing a sex toy (go read last weeks column for a kick) to get your body ready for what is to come. You need enough time to 'warm up', that is get properly lubricated and relaxed for intercourse. If you find that your body isn't wet enough after foreplay try a water-based lubricant and choose a product that is safe for latex condoms. You use those, right?

I think this will relieve some of that anxiety you feel before intercourse. Build a good line of

communication, both before and after sex, which expresses that you are very much into him and want to have sex, but that logistically things aren't working right. Make sure you warm up to the awaiting activities and use a good condom-safe lubricant. Breathe.

Dear Aunt Edna,

My boyfriend and I broke up after four years together. We were each other's first everything; kiss, sex, I love you, meeting the family (not necessarily in that order), we first did it with each other. I know that sometimes things just don't work out the way we hoped and I always knew in the back of my mind that we would have to part ways, but it's just hard. Any advice?

-Broken Hearted.

Dear Broken,

This is totally Julie's department, but I'll give it a shot, or a parable.

Sunday was yard-work day at my house. My housemates were cutting the grass while I was trimming the hedges and picking up fallen tree limbs from the last storm. I started clipping the smallest shrub on the side of the house, the side that doesn't get very much sunshine, where all the plants are just a little less big and the wind is just a little cooler. The sun was on the other side of the house, fading away to yellow, orange, and such a vibrant red that I had to pause my cutting and enjoy the closing of the day when the moon comes out to watch over us.

This small plant was just over a year old. Last year at this time it was barely over two feet tall; this year it was well over my own head, overgrown from all the rain these last few months of late summer. I took a good even shear of it's top, making piles out of months of growth. Green leaves began to billow at my shoes. Soon, the once ragged bush was resembling

something with order, structure and beauty.

I began to round out the bottom, finding newer sprouts of limbs with tiny little leaves, still anemic from lack of sun. These limbs were more delicate and some just pulled off without any coaxing. This is when I spotted the fullest little brown limb. It was so small I didn't see it at first. It kind of just sat there, standing out among all that green like a birthmark on newborn baby. I then had to choose either to cut it down or to let it finish its withering away and fall off on its own once the frost and cold take over, like they are likened to do.

I chose to go ahead and finish it off, saving him from the coming months of freezing rains and winds that take their toll against anything standing in the way, turning green into brown, and eventually brown into dirt. I thought it better to have a little mercy on this, the littlest of limbs, and save him from all that worry, feeling he had already tried so hard to stretch out and get a little sunshine. Just a little light to grow was all he needed, but he just couldn't seem to stretch out far enough. I breathed out a long, heavy sigh and then went about my work.

I'm sure you and your first boyfriend did mean a lot to each other. You must have if you are having troubling getting past the breakup, but that's where the lesson lies. Be thankful you tried your all and met someone, loved him, held his hand, and got nervous together. You said "I love you" to someone and you actually meant it. It's a rarity to find someone that you can actually mean something to anymore. As you grow up and leave your family and homeland,



the world gets even smaller. Less people are nice to you and you become less nice to people at times. But it's all just a cycle.

You have to know that just because you are not a couple anymore doesn't mean that the love you shared, expressed and felt with one another wasn't fake. People just fade apart and change. Someone's going to break your heart again and with any luck, you'll also have to endure the misery of breaking someone's heart. If you've never had to tell someone that loves you with all their heart that you just don't love them anymore, it'll probably be the worst thing you'll ever have to say.

There is something almost metaphysical about breaking up with another. You learn that the joy you made with someone is still joy, even if they aren't around anymore. That joy kinda lingers around for a while; focus on that, before you forget what it's like to have love.

Chicken Scratch



I do not want my thoughts edited to suit Big Brother.

(Ed. Note: Then maybe you shouldn't be slanderous to a person or organization or use words like, ****, *****, or especially ***)

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

I've been at JSU since 2002 and have never gotten a parking ticket. Follow the rules and it won't happen, crying about it and trying to pass the fault to JSU does nothing.

I'm broke. Donations please??

Thanks to all the JSU student nurses that volunteered at the Jacksonville Health Fair Oct.10...you rock!

The sun is shining! It DOES exist! I am...so...happy!

Why in the world would I want to pay an additional \$100 that I don't have for things I refuse to attend?!?!?!?

If it rains anymore I'm gonna boycott by not going to class!

Post my chicken scratches the way I post them, or don't post them at all.

I have the world's worst case of AD.. oh look a squirrel!

I Have a Good Poll...Do you support Budget cuts for education while paying millions for football stadiums, coffee shops, and buses?

Cocky needs a girlfriend...Cockette anyone? Maybe later they can have an egg together!

Scores to the football games this season?

If being homosexual is a disease then I'm calling in to work every morning from now on. "Sorry I can't come in today. I've got the gay."

Put your country to the test with Scufflegrit

By Whitney Harris
Music Critic

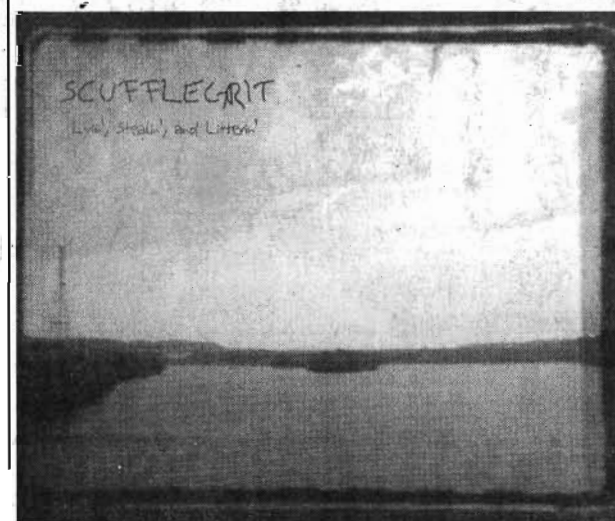


Scufflegrit is a band based out of northwestern Alabama with members who once attended Jacksonville State University. While attending JSU they went by the name "Midnight Tokers." After graduating, the band obviously decided to change their name to scufflegrit. The band currently has four members with one stationed in Fort Drum, NY. "Lyn ,Stealin Litterin" is definitely a reflection of the southern, traditional sound found here in the south.

This album will definitely take you to the country.

All the songs on this album were written by members of the band. "Southern Boys," "Fly" and "Carol" are just a few tracks of the eight that are on this album. I must say that I am not a big fan of country music. After listening to this album I don't think I'm going to change my mind. I really just couldn't get into this one; I felt as if all the songs sounded alike. It was just different words but that same repetitive guitar riff. I wouldn't really

recommend this album unless you are a die-hard country fan. If not, then you might just want skip out on this one.



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Gamecock volleyball still undefeated in conference

By Chelsea Pelletier
Special to the Chanticleer

It's hard to ignore the rising success of the Jacksonville State University Gamecock volleyball team this season. Currently undefeated in Ohio Valley Conference, playing with an overall record of 18-5, this team is feeling confident at the top of the standings.

Last year, the Gamecocks ended with an overall losing record of 9-19 and 5-12 in conference, according to the JSU athletic Web site. With eight of the 11 players returning from last season and only three freshmen added, this team has not altered much in face. It seems the difference does not lie in a simple personnel change.

According to the players, the adjustment they made has nothing to

do with physical ability or game plans — it's about heart.

"I think what makes our team this year different from our team last year is the fight we have in us," said Kara Slater, a Middle Blocker, who is a junior studying psychology.

Sophomore Outside Hitter Stephanie Koontz shared this sentiment and said, "Our team has great chemistry, on and off the court."

Head coach Rick Nold, in his eighth season at JSU, is a two-time conference Coach of the Year. Despite his past successes, he also sees a difference in his squad this season.

"I think the main differences in this season compared to last is experience and confidence," he said. "The unique thing about this team is that even though according to numbers we're not

really that deep, we really have a lot of different options. There is not a player on the team that couldn't go in and help us win a match."

The team's new energy not only helps them win games, but attracts fan attention too.

"The volleyball games are so much more exciting this year," said sophomore soccer player Emily Bielaga, who attends every home game that doesn't conflict with her competition schedule. "Especially since they are winning so consistently."

Pete Matthews Coliseum roars with cheer and applauds every time a point is scored or a great play is made. Even when a player makes a mistake, the team immediately surrounds her with praise and encouragement.

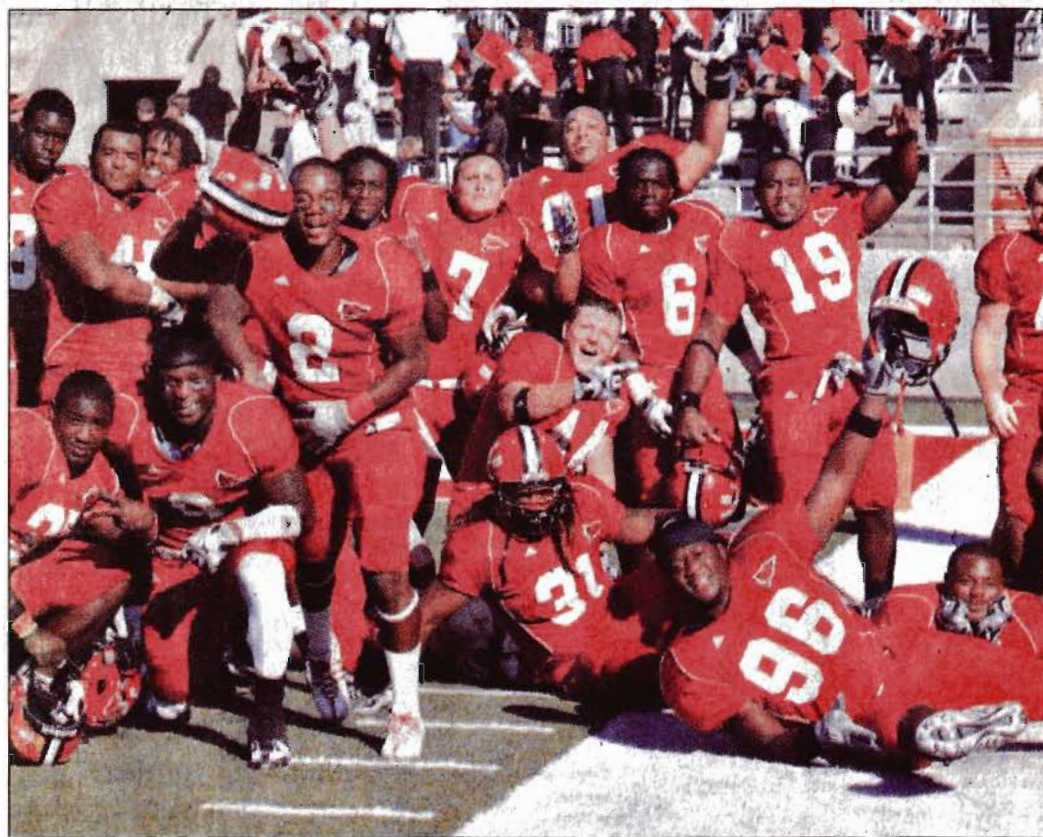
Almost halfway through the

conference regular season, the Gamecocks are focused on the ultimate objective. "This year we're all on the same page and have the same goal — to win conference," Slater said.

Nold is optimistic about the Gamecocks future but still concentrates on the journey ahead.

"We've already seen ourselves in some really tough situations and we've been fortunate to fight through and win in each of these situations," he said. "We're still not halfway through conference so we know that we've got a long road ahead and we need to keep getting better every day."

The Gamecocks return home Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. to take on Tennessee Tech. Admission is free with valid JSU student identification.



JSU football celebrating after their win against UT Martin earlier this year. Photo by JSUfan.com

Football faces tough homecoming challenge

Highlights of the week

- JSU men's golf finishes fifth at F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate
- JSU junior, Brooke Schumacher has been named the OVC Setter of the Week for volleyball
- JSU Rifle defeated Tennessee Tech with a 4542 - 4452 win
- Gamecock volleyball defeated Eastern Kentucky 3-0(25-18, 25-19, 25-17)
- JSU volleyball defeated Morehead State 3-2(21-25, 25-20, 25-19, 21-25, 15-0)

Get to know Paige Beasley

by Ashley Nolan
Staff Writer

Not many people can say they have been devoutly committed to any one thing for more than a short period of time. Paige Beasley, #23 of the Jacksonville State University volleyball team, is one of the extraordinary few. Beasley started playing volleyball as a sixth grader, and has continued playing for 12 consecutive years.

As a freshman at Fort Payne High School in Fort Payne, Ala., Beasley was awarded a position on the varsity

Beasley.

Every athletic team consists of different personalities. Beasley demonstrates leadership on the team, and describes herself as the "dance party leader." She always wants to be someone that encourages her team, no matter what the circumstance. Beasley finds her inspiration from other athletes. "Good leaders relate well with one another," said Beasley. Lance Armstrong has especially been someone

Beasley and her family looks up to, as her mother has also battled cancer. Beasley admires Michael Jordan, too, and believes he is the "perfect



homecoming challenge

by Austin Faulkner
Sports Writer

Jacksonville State head coach, Jack Crowe broke down what he expects to be the toughest conference challenge so far this year in the Eastern Illinois Panthers. They have "won the last two times they were here (Paul Snow Stadium)," Crowe points out. When asked about the week off and how it affected the team's mentality, Coach Crowe thought everyone was still focused but said it could have taken the edge off the team's hunger. "We're still an upstart program and need

to carry an attitude into this game" and I believe it is just a "matter of focus."

The coach then took some time to evaluate the talent on the other side. The Panther's quarterback, Jake Christensen played for Iowa and running backs Mon Williams and Chevon Walker transferred from Florida. This shows that Eastern Illinois's roster has plenty of talent and could cause some problems for JSU's squad.

Jacksonville has had problems with this team before. When Jax State first joined the OVC, they had to change to a

3-4 defensive scheme, to better match-up the players and attack the then Panthers' quarterback, Tony Romo.

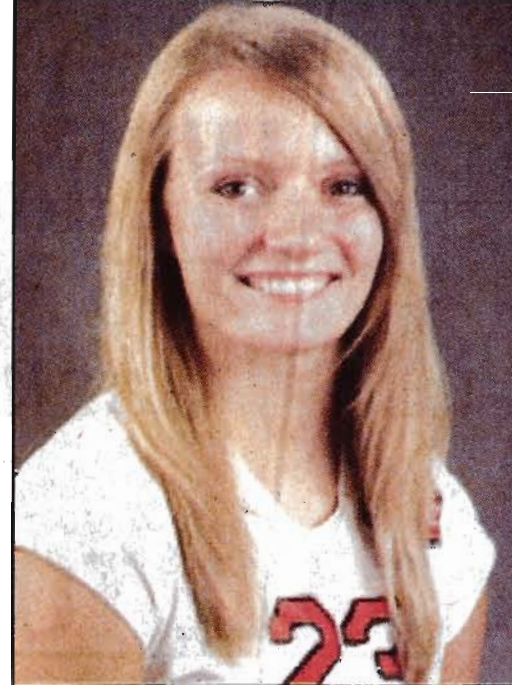
Coach said the players are still playing to be champions and trying to make a statement by ranking as high in the polls as possible each week. "This should be an exciting game for the homecoming crowd," Crowe said. "It should be a benchmark game."

For a homecoming game, JSU ends up playing their biggest conference challenge yet. Look for this one to be a close one as both teams duke it out, in a high-speed match-up.

at Fort Payne High School in Fort Payne, Ala., Beasley was awarded a position on the varsity volleyball team. She continued her volleyball experience at Gadsden State Community College in Gadsden, Ala., and eventually transferred to JSU in spring of 2007. Beasley has had dreams of attending JSU ever since she was in seventh grade, when she started attending JSU volleyball games and special camps.

She remembers being in the stands, dreaming of playing on the court. Now she looks into the stands, and is proud to see young fans looking back at her.

The most competitive moment Beasley ever experienced in her volleyball career was when the JSU volleyball team beat the University of Alabama at Alabama last year. "They were a big, talented team, but no distractions kept us from winning," said



Paige Beasley

family looks up to, as her mother has also battled cancer. Beasley admires Michael Jordan, too, and believes he is the "perfect balance of cocky and confidence." She sometimes uses her Twitter account to keep up with her favorite athletes.

Beasley is a senior at JSU, and plans to graduate in May. She is majoring in elementary education, and hopes to one day teach second through fourth grade. Depending on the available opportunities, though, she may consider pursuing a master's degree

in athletic administration. Her main priority is to keep seeking God for guidance as she grows in life and will soon enter the "real world".

Beasley has enjoyed her time here at JSU and will never regret coming here to continue her volleyball career and education. According to Beasley, the volleyball team has an encouraging fan base, but always wants to see more come out to show support.

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I love the sound of the Southerners practicing in the afternoon. Love it.

If I hear one more person say the rain is turning Jacksonville into Forks and the vampires will be coming soon, I'll.... Twilight is the dumbest book series ever written.

Things Obama has done to win the Nobel Peace Prize: 1.)

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